

REMARKS

The Official Action mailed May 16, 2003, has been received and its contents carefully noted. This response is filed within three months of the mailing date of the Official Action and therefore is believed to be timely without extension of time.

The Applicants note with appreciation the consideration of the Information Disclosure Statements filed on August 13, 1998, June 2, 1999, February 1, 2000, June 24, 2000, November 27, 2001, May 17, 2002, and December 10, 2002. The Applicants await consideration of the Information Disclosure Statement filed on June 2, 2003.

The Applicants note that the Information Disclosure Statements filed on October 24, 2000 and December 20, 2000 were only partially considered. In response, in a *Supplemental Response* dated May 31, 2002, the Applicants submitted the references missing from the Information Disclosure Statements filed on the October 24, 2000 and December 20, 2000. Unfortunately, the *Supplemental Response* did not include the correct Serial Number. In order to notify the Office of the proper Serial Number for the *Supplemental Response*, the Applicants' representative contacted Marsha Richards, Customer Service Group 2800, sent a facsimile to Marsha Richards dated June 24, 2002, and sent a facsimile to the Examiner dated July 17, 2002. The Applicants respectfully request the Examiner's assistance in determining whether the references sent in the *Supplemental Response* have been received by the Examiner and entered into the file. If so, the Applicants further request consideration of those references and an indication of such consideration as appropriate.

Claims 1-3, 6, 7, 9, 10, 17-24, 26, 27, 30-33 and 36-55 were pending in the present application prior to the above amendment. Claims 44-50 and 55 have been canceled, independent claims 1, 7, 17, 21, 32, 36, 38 and 51 have been amended to better recite the features of the present invention and new claims 56-63 have been added to recite additional protection to which the Applicants are entitled. Accordingly, claims 1-3, 6, 7, 9, 10, 17-24, 26, 27, 30-33, 36-43, 51-54 and 56-63 are now pending in

the present application and, for the reasons set forth in detail below, are believed to be in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration is requested.

Paragraph 2 of the Official Action rejects claims 1-3, 6, 7, 9, 10, 17-24, 26, 27, 30-33 and 36-55 under the doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over claims 3, 13 and 17 of U.S. Patent No. 5,889,291 to Koyama, et al.

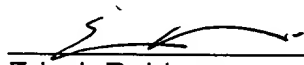
As stated in MPEP § 804, under the heading "Obviousness-Type," in order to form an obviousness-type double patenting rejection, a claim in the present application must define an invention that is merely an obvious variation of an invention claimed in the prior art patent, and the claimed subject matter must not be patentably distinct from the subject matter claimed in a commonly owned patent. Also, the patent principally underlying the double patenting rejection is not considered prior art.

The Applicants respectfully traverse the obviousness-type double patenting rejection because independent claims 1, 7, 17, 21, 32, 36, 38 and 51, as amended, of the present invention are patentably distinct from the claims of Koyama. Specifically, the independent claims of the present invention recite that a semiconductor integrated circuit chip is electrically connected to a wiring comprising indium tin oxide formed over an insulating substrate. The claims of Koyama do not teach or suggest at least the above-referenced feature of the present invention.

The Applicants respectfully submit that the subject application is patentably distinct from the claims of the Koyama patent. Reconsideration of the obviousness-type double patenting rejection is requested.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable to place this application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the Applicants' undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,


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